

THREE HUNDRED PERISH AS TORPEDO SENDS PASSENGER SHIP ANCONA TO THE BOTTOM

MILLIONS LOST IN BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. FIRE

Huge Factory is Razed By Mysterious Blaze That Quickly Sweeps Through Four Stories—Workmen Flee to Safety By Rope Ladders—Costly Machinery and Many Guns Are Lost in Conflagration.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 10—Fire early today destroyed almost completely the No. 4 machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel Company. How the fire started is not known. It was discovered in what is known as the burning mill section of the plant, in a quantity of oil.

The value of the guns alone in the shop is said to be several million dollars. There were about a thousand machines of different kinds in the building, running from lathes, shapers and drills down to boring machines. It is estimated that the value of the machinery ruined was several million dollars.

The burned shop was 250 feet wide, 700 feet long and four stories high. On these four floors, 2,050 men were employed in day and night shifts. In the neighborhood of 800 men were at work when the fire started and so rapidly did it spread that some employees had to make their escape by means of ropes from the different floors.

The oil in which the fire is believed to have started is used to gather up flying chips which escape in the operation of gun boring. There was only a spark of fire at first,

Gondos Bros. Confess, Say N. Y. Police

Declare Their Accuser Was Agent for Germanic Allies in America—Alleged to Have Attempted to Extort Cash For Suppression of News Articles.

New York and Bridgeport Banker Lures Publishers of Bridgeport News Into Police Trap, and Gives Them \$2,000 Check—Bomb Plot Figures in Case

The Gondos brothers this afternoon were each held in \$25,000 bail on a short affidavit charging suspicion of extortion. Examination was set for Friday.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Nov. 10—Alexander and Victor Gondos, editors of newspapers published in English and Hungarian at Bridgeport, Conn., who were arrested late yesterday charged with attempted extortion, were questioned all night by police, and agents of the secret service and department of justice. At the conclusion of the examination today police announced that the Gondos brothers had furnished information concerning "agents of the central powers" in this country and regarding Austro-Hungarian agents who visited Bridgeport shortly before the labor troubles in munition factories there last summer.

The brothers also explained, according to police, how they came to ask Julius Perittzer, president of the Trans-Atlantic Trust Co. of New York, to put up \$2,000, which act led to their arrest.

Perittzer also operates a bank at Bridgeport and the Gondos brothers claimed that he controls a majority of the financial business of Austrians and Hungarians in the country. He explained, police say, that some time ago rival bankers asked them to carry on a publicity campaign against the

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AMERICANS ABOARD ILL-FATED SHIP, SAYS UNCONFIRMED REPORT IN LONDON; VESSEL TARGET FOR 100 SHELLS FROM SUBMARINE

London, Nov. 10—More than 300 lives were lost when the Italian liner Ancona was sunk yesterday in the Mediterranean sea by a submarine flying the Austrian colors. Included in the death list, says a despatch to Lloyds, were many women and children emigrants.

A dispatch from Bizerta, where 135 survivors have been landed says that reports there are that there were several Americans aboard the Ancona. This has not been verified.

According to a despatch to the Stefani News Agency of Rome, 100 shells were fired into the Ancona before she was torpedoed.

Details of the attack have not reached here. It is reported that the Ancona, riddled by many death blow. Some lifeboats had been lowered.

There were 83 first cabin passengers, 60 second cabin and 339 stowage aboard the liner. The crew numbered 60.

Survivors accounted for include: Fifty-four members of the crew landed at Cape Bon, Tunis; 130 passengers at Bizerta, seventy miles west of Cape Bon; forty-one members of crew and four passengers landed at Malta.

Prince Cassano Zunica was aboard the Ancona. Orazio Zunica, Prince of Cassano and Duke of Castellina, is the head of an old Neapolitan family resident in Rome. He is the second Prince and was born in Naples in 1855. The family was established in Italy in the 16th century.

Rome Sees Signs of Disaster

Rome, Nov. 10—Few details have been received here early today concerning the sinking of the Ancona. News of the loss of the vessel caused the greatest anxiety in Rome.

Rigid Censorship in London

London, Nov. 10—News of the sinking of the Ancona was not made public in London until shortly before noon when the censor released the first despatch from New York on the subject.

This despatch referred to the fact that a sensation had been caused by the torpedoing of the Ancona, but as nothing previously had been heard of the disaster the message was incomprehensible. Subsequently, however, a flood of messages from Rome was released.

Say Submarine Was German

Rome, Nov. 10—The assertion is made by survivors of the Ancona according to reports which reached Rome today, that the submarine which sank the steamship was German although flying the Austrian colors. This has not been confirmed.

CAPITAL AWAITS OFFICIAL REPORT BEFORE ACTING ON ANCONA'S LOSS

Washington, Nov. 10—Secretary Lansing indicated that the United States would, for a reasonable time await an official report on the sinking of the Ancona but that if official word was received within a reasonable time the department will inquire into the affair through the embassy in Rome.

Department officials said they had made no request of American Ambassadors of any consular officers.

They explained that as a matter of duty, the nearest consular officer to Bizerta would report especially if any American lives were lost. Dean B. Mason, consul at Algiers, about 300 miles from Bizerta, is the nearest American officer. He probably would go to Bizerta to make an investigation should he learn that American lives were lost.

AMERICANS MAY BE AMONG BIG DEATH LIST IN ANCONA TRAGEDY

New York, Nov. 10—No word concerning the sinking of the Ancona had been received early today by Hartfield, Solari & Co., local agents for the Italian line, and it is thought in steamship circles that the rigid Italian censorship had caused numerous private and press dispatches to be held back.

A message from Rome today said that there were 482 passengers on the Ancona instead of 422 as given in previous messages.

The Ancona, according to the local agents, was scheduled to sail from Naples yesterday. After leaving Naples the steamer would pass through the Tyrrhenian Sea and enter the Mediterranean Sea between Sardinia and Sicily. The meagre despatches indicate that the Ancona was sunk within a comparatively small triangle, the points of which are the southern end of Sardinia, the western end of Sicily and Bizerta, Tunis. The Austrian submarine reported to have torpedoed and sunk the Ancona, it was thought here, probably was lying in wait for the Ancona at or near the entrance to the Malta channel, which is a narrow strip of the Mediterranean between Sicily and the coast of Africa. Austrian and German submarines have been active in this region of late, according to cable reports.

War vessels and transports of the allies, en route to the scene of operations at the Dardanelles as well as the forces sent to Saloniki, all passed through the Malta channel. As soon as the local agents learned of the sinking they cabled the home office at Naples for a complete passenger list. At present nothing is known here concerning the personnel of the passengers but Mr. Solari thought the number of first cabin passengers, 83, as given in a cable report today, was too high, as the Ancona had accommodations for only 50 first cabin passengers.

On the past three trips from Naples to New York, Mr. Solari said, more than half of the Ancona's passengers have been women and children, owing to the fact that few men of military age are leaving Italy.

The Ancona has not been used as a transport during the present war, the agent said, nor has she carried any munitions. The Ancona has been a favorite steamer with opera singers and musicians coming to this country. Titta Ruffo, the baritone, was reported aboard the steamer, but this was denied by his brother in Chicago.

Among those inquired for were Mr. and Mrs. Canfield Jones, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Sissoli, of Washington. At noon the line had not received any definite information, however, regarding passengers.

THE WEATHER

Fair and continued cold tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and warmer, probably rain in extreme west portion. Fresh north winds, becoming southeasterly.

POSTAL ENUMERATION SHOWS ADDITION OF 14,000 PERSONS IN FURNISHED ROOMS OF CITY

More than 14,000 people living in furnished rooms, and over 2500 families have been added to the postal delivery service of the local postoffice since March 20, according to a canvass of the carriers' routes authorized by Postmaster Greene. The count was taken from March 20, because that was the date of the last inspection of delivery service at the office and concluded Nov. 1. The carriers were requested to ask 12 questions during the canvass. The result, showing the marvelous growth of the city, follows:

Stores added,	286
Factories added,	35
People served at stores other than proprietor added,	3,096
People served at factories other than owners added,	1,198
Families added,	2,646
Furnished room occupants added,	14,226
Total number of served units added,	21,486
Stores removed,	31
Factories removed,	2
People served at stores other than proprietor where service is discontinued,	220
People served at factories other than owners, discontinued,	4
Families removed,	834
Furnished room occupants removed,	865
Total number of served units subtracted,	1,956
Net increase, units served,	19,530

FIREMEN CHOKE IN CELLAR FIRE UNDER JEWELERS' CORNER

Police and Comrades Drag Overcome Men from Smoke. Filled Basement.

Four firemen were all but overcome this morning at a small blaze that did no property damage but threatened a serious explosion in the heart of the business district at 4:45 this morning in the basement of the building at the corner of Wall and Main streets, occupied by the Batton-Orphan and Hawley & Davis jewelry company.

The fire which was caused by a quantity of excelsior, newspapers and rags being thrown into an exterior ash-pit located beneath the Wall street flagging was observed when a matchbox was blown into the street.

A still alarm brought Chemical No. 1 to the scene with Captain Holden, Lieut. P. J. Neary, firemen Thomas Reilly, James J. Harkin and Thomas O'Leary. Holden and Neary at once plunged into the smoke filled pit, not knowing that excelsior was the cause of the fire. Their cries for assistance brought Reilly, Reilly and O'Leary to the rescue and with the aid of Patrolmen Halpin and Joe Coughlin the two firemen in an almost fainting condition were brought to the air where they soon revived. With the big flow of chemicals used it was half an hour before the blaze was conquered during which the firemen fought from the inside in relays of two, relieved in five minute periods.

It was said by caretakers for the building that the fire was so confined as to do no damage. A crowd congregated in Wall street which had to be kept back by the policemen on the beat.

PENFIELD WILL DIRECT U.M.C. AND ARMS CO.

Works Manager of Arms & Ammunition Co. is Given All Dodge Plants Here.

Major Walter G. Penfield, U. S. A., retired, under whose guidance the enormous plant of the Remington Arms & Ammunition company on Boston avenue has reared itself into a veritable city, has been substantially rewarded by the heads of great munitions plant, for he has been learned today that he at once will assume command of both the Remington Arms and U. M. C. plants in this city with the title of general works manager.

At the Arms plant, his former duties will be assumed by Capt. C. C. Sheppard, U. S. A., retired, formerly connected with the United States arsenal at Springfield, Mass. Captain Sheppard has been in this city for some months. His title will be works manager.

News of the advancement of Major Penfield to general supervision over both local branches became known late yesterday.

ASQUITH PREDICTS ALLIES WAR COUNCIL

London, Nov. 10—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons today forecasted the establishment of an Anglo-French war council in which French and British ministers would sit. He expressed the hope that Russia and Italy would join in the council.

BRIDGEPORT BOY AND HIS SISTER SAVE 8 FISHERS

Hilda Johnson at Wheel and Herbert As Skipper Accomplish Great Feat.

A thrilling episode of the far northern seas, that will go down in the history of seamanship, became a legend of the forecastle, is being related in maritime circles of New York through the log of the schooner Oriental Capt. Peter Randall, of Nova Scotia, with a Bridgeport boy and girl as the principal actors in the parts of hero and heroine.

Herbert Johnson and his sister Hilda, aged 14 and 18, residing at 34 Bishop avenue, are the modest pair to whom the lives of eight men are indebted. Though they refuse to discuss the affair beyond admitting the facts as recorded in the log of the Oriental, a 58-ton fishing schooner which sailed from Newby Bay, Newfoundland, Oct. 18, in search of codfish, the narrative has been told in New York as follows:

When in far northern waters a school of fish was sighted and Captain Randall, with six sailors put off in small boats to lay the nets. Left on the schooner then riding at anchor were Herbert Johnson, shipped as a fisher, and his sister, Hilda, cook. A sudden fog, later learned to be due to an ice pack, surrounded the boats which lost their bearings. The fog descended until it had caught the Oriental in its grinding maw. The anchor chain parted and ship and crew were being swept away when the presence of mind of young Johnson saved both ship and men.

Calling his sister from the galley he lashed her to the wheel, while with the use of a gasoline engine he managed to rig the forward jib and mainsail. By clever maneuvering he escaped the ice and sailed to an approximate point where his shipmates had last been seen. Two days later, after extreme hardships the crew were taken on board suffering greatly from exposure and lack of food. Arriving at New York last week, the young couple, although injured to the sea from long years of experience with their father, a former Massachusetts sea captain who took them with him on many voyages about the world, have temporarily given up the life on the bounding main.

Herbert is employed in the Weidlich Brothers Manufacturing Co. on Connecticut avenue, while his sister cares for the home on Bishop avenue.

TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES SUNK; BRITISH DESTROYER WRECKED, HER CREW SAFE

London, Nov. 10—Telegrams received here from Algiers, Morocco, by way of Madrid, report a British cruiser has sunk two German submarines in the Straits of Gibraltar.

Recent advices have indicated that Germany was sending a large part of her fleet to the Mediterranean. She was expected to have abandoned her campaign in British waters. A despatch earlier in the week said German submarines had passed Gibraltar and sunk three vessels. On Oct. 15 Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador at Washington, announced that German submarines recently had sunk 23 vessels, including four transports, belonging to the allies, in Mediterranean waters.

BRITISH DESTROYER WRECKED ON SHOALS

London, Nov. 10—The British torpedo boat destroyer Louis has been wrecked near the eastern Mediterranean. No lives were lost.

The following official statement was given out here today:

"The British torpedo boat destroyer Louis, Lieutenant-Commander Harold D. Hall, has been stranded in the eastern Mediterranean, has become a total wreck. All of the officers and crew are safe."

The Louis was one of the L class of destroyers, built in 1913. She was 260 feet long and displaced 965 tons. She was armed with three 4-inch guns and four torpedo tubes. Her normal complement was 100 men.

French Drive Back Germans

Paris, Nov. 10—A German attack near the forest of Giverny was easily repulsed by French troops, according to an announcement made this afternoon by the French war office while at the same time French batteries in the Champagne district, near Tathure, responded with energy to a German artillery attack.

French Take Serb Town

London, Nov. 10—French forces have recaptured the town of Velez in southern Serbia from the Bulgarians, according to advices received by the Serbian legation in Athens from Guevgeli, forwarded by the Star's correspondent in Athens.

LIQUOR DEALERS OF DANBURY STRIKE AT CLUBS IN BAD ODOR

Organization For Drinking Persons Protested By Legitimate Sellers.

Liquor dealers of Danbury and Norwalk have protested to the county commissioners against the granting of licenses to clubs of doubtful character. During their recent visit to Danbury the commissioners had conferences with many dealers. They told the commissioners if they had evidence against any particular clubs to file it. The Norwalk dealers want the commissioners to investigate several clubs in that city which have been organized since the law allowing club licenses was passed.

Although local dealers have made no formal protest to the commissioners various men engaged in the business have talked with the commissioners and have expressed themselves as opposed to granting licenses to organizations formed solely for the purpose of dispensing liquor.

The commissioners will not hear the remonstrances against the local clubs until December.